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Identical letters dated 22 March 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a summary of violations of the Blue Line, covering roughly the last two months, from 29 January 2007 to 20 March 2007 (see annex).

Though the summary contains only data from the recent period, it is important to note that the number of violations is in addition to the previous 155 violations recorded since the beginning of the ceasefire, on 14 August 2006, until the start of the aforementioned period.

Israel remains concerned about the developing situation along the Blue Line, reconfirmed by incidents of the last month, including the Lebanese Army's confiscation of arms on their way to Hizbullah and the Israel Defense Forces' discovery of explosive devices in a salient south of the Blue Line. The rearming of Hizbullah is a significant and pressing danger. As such, all efforts should be made to ensure the full implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

Specifically, Israel's concerns centre on the presence of armed Hizbullah elements south of the Litani River and the violation of the embargo and transfer of weapons from the Syrian Arab Republic to Hizbullah in Lebanon. Israel is also concerned that some of those weapons are destined for south Lebanon, as Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah has already admitted moving arms to the "front". Additionally, the two Israeli soldiers kidnapped by Hizbullah on 12 July 2006, Udi Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, have yet to be released, as called for by the Security Council in its resolution 1701 (2006), nor has any sign of life been shown.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daniel **Carmon**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 22 March 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Violation report

Serial number of violation	*Date and time of incident*	*Location of incident*	*Description of incident*
156	29/01/2007 12:30	In the vicinity of UN position 4-31 (UTM 7505/6874)	One (1) Lebanese civilian with a herd of sheep crossed the blue line 150 metres into Israeli territory
163	08/02/2007 10:28	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6969/6639)	One (1) LAF soldier threw stones from Lebanon towards Israeli territory in the vicinity of UN position 1-32A at the above-mentioned UTM
164	08/02/2007 12:04	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 69721/66424)	Two (2) LAF soldiers threw stones from Lebanon towards Israeli territory in the vicinity of UN position 1-32A at the above-mentioned UTM
165	08/02/2007 12:08	In the vicinity of IDF position W-418 (UTM 71855/66064)	A laser beam was pointed at an Israeli tank in the vicinity of IDF position W-418, from the direction of Lebanese territory near IDF position W-418 at (UTM 71950/66070)
166	08/02/2007 09:23	In the vicinity of IDF position W-425 (UTM 73027/66432)	Four (4) IEDs were found north of the technical fence in the vicinity of IDF position W-425 (UTM 72911/66438)
168	12/02/2007 22:30-23:30	In the vicinity of UN position PB-RAS (UTM 72830/66525)	On two (2) occasions, the LAF opened fire across the blue line towards IDF troops, who were operating south of the blue line in Israeli territory. LAF forces were entirely unprovoked. This activity by the LAF constitutes a violation of the blue line, and hostile activity prohibited by UNSCR 1701
171	16/02/2007 20:37	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6969/6639)	Two (2) LAF soldiers crossed the blue line and approached the security fence. The two (2) LAF soldiers then shook the security fence and left the area
172	18/02/2007 06:10	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6969/6639)	Two (2) armed LAF soldiers approached the security fence, one (1) of the soldiers loaded his weapon towards an IDF patrol

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173	18/02/2007 11:20	In the vicinity of IDF position W-423 (UTM 72706/66154)	Three (3) Lebanese civilians arrived in a white vehicle (Peugeot) to the above-mentioned UTM, got out of the vehicle and crossed the blue line 5 metres into Israeli territory. Three (3) additional Lebanese civilians crossed the blue line and joined the other three (3). The six (6) Lebanese civilians videotaped and photographed Israeli territory
174	18/02/2007 09:40	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6969/6639)	One (1) LAF soldier loaded his weapon and pointed it towards an IDF patrol
175	19/02/2007 12:00	In the vicinity of IDF position N468 (UTM 74846/68576)	Two (2) armed Lebanese civilians crossed the blue line five (5) metres into Israeli territory
176	19/02/2007 12:30	In the vicinity of IDF position N468 (UTM 75076/68742)	Four (4) Lebanese civilians with a large herd of sheep crossed the blue line 100 metres into the Israeli territory. One of the men was armed and wore a white shirt and blue pants
183	01/03/2007 17:00	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6964/6638)	One (1) LAF soldier aimed his weapon at an IDF vehicle standing outside IDF position W402. The soldier then fled towards a nearby LAF position
184	01/03/2007 19:04	In the vicinity of IDF position W425B (UTM 7324/6644)	A laser beam was pointed at the IDF tank in the vicinity of IDF position W425B, from the direction of Marun a-Ras (UTM 7283/6661)
186	08/03/2007 17:23	In the vicinity of UN position 1-32A (UTM 6967/6639)	Two (2) LAF soldiers approached the technical fence and then one of them vigorously shook the barbed wire near the fence (in Israeli territory). They both hid when an IDF patrol vehicle arrived on the Israeli side
187	08/03/2007 18:30	In the vicinity of IDF position W425B (UTM 7314/6643)	A laser beam was pointed at an IDF tank in the vicinity of IDF position W425B from the north
188	08/03/2007 11:06	In the vicinity of UN position 5-42 (UTM 7167/6647)	Two (2) LAF soldiers threw stones from Lebanon towards Israeli territory in the vicinity of UN position 5-42 at the above-mentioned UTM

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191	11/03/2007 17:12	In the vicinity of UN position 5-22 (UTM 7203/6602)	One LAF soldier and two (2) Lebanese citizens threw stones from Lebanon towards Israeli territory in the vicinity of UN position 5-22 at the above-mentioned UTM
192	11/03/2007 10:10	In the vicinity of UN position 4-31 (UTM 7525/6888)	A laser beam was pointed at an IDF tank, 500 metres south-east of the blue line, in the vicinity of IDF position N470, from the north-west
195	20/03/2007 10:53	In the vicinity of IDF position W423 (UTM 7272/6624)	Two (2) LAF soldiers, approx. 200 metres from the blue line, lay on the ground at the above-mentioned UTM and aimed their weapons at an IDF APC on the technical road. Several minutes later the two (2) LAF soldiers stood up and left the area heading to the nearest LAF position (UTM 7271/6625)